million tonnes which is 34.56 million tonnes more than the production in 2004-05. The estimated sugar production in the current sugar season is 181.67 lakh tonnes as against 130.00 lakh tonnes in 2004-05 sugar season.

(c) During the year 2005-06 (upto February, 2006) the wholesale price of non-levy sugar in the four metropolitan cities ranged between Rs. 1710 to Rs. 2090 per quintal as against Rs. 1560 to Rs. 2050 per quintal during 2004-05.

Infrastructure status to FPI Sector

*200. SHRI C. PERUMAL: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is proposed to confer the status of infrastructure category for food processing and agri business sector;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY): (a) to (c) Several suggestions have been made for the promotion of food processing and agri-business sector to realize Vision-2015. Conferring the status of infrastructure on food processing and agri business sector, is one of such suggestions.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO UNSTARRED QUESTIONS

Organic manures

†1174. SHRI MANGANI LAL MANDAL: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the use of excessive quantity of chemical fertilizers and plant protective chemicals for more production from the advanced varieties

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.